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§9–227.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) (i) “Infectious waste” means any waste that comes from a hospital, laboratory, or other health care facility as defined in § 19-114 of the Health - General Article and that is known or suspected to be contaminated with organisms capable of producing disease or infection in humans.

(ii) “Infectious waste” includes:

1. Contaminated disposable equipment, instruments,
and utensils;
2. Contaminated needles, scalpels, and razor blades;
3. Human tissues and organs that result from surgery,
obstetrics, or autopsy;
4. Feces, urine, vomitus, and suctionings;
5. Live vaccines for human use;
6. Blood and blood products; and
7. Laboratory specimens, such as tissues, blood
elements, excreta, and secretions.

(b) A hospital, laboratory, or other health care facility as defined in § 19-114 of the Health - General Article may not dispose of infectious waste, or cause infectious waste to be disposed of, in a landfill system in this State.

(c) The Secretary is responsible with law enforcement personnel in this State for monitoring and enforcing subsection (b) of this section.

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